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Lebanon

Withdrawal of Foreign Forces -- President Amin al-Jumayyil and Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan met in Beirut with U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs Morris Draper and U.S. Ambassador in Beirut Robert Dillon to discuss U.S. proposals for the new phase of foreign troop withdrawals, Beirut radio reported. Prime Minister al-Wazzan said the deliberations had been "lengthy and comprehensive" and the foundations for withdrawal talks had been laid. According to the radio, Al-Wazzan added that although President al-Jumayyil's recent tour and his talks with President Reagan had created "a new atmosphere and new elements," Lebanon continues to support the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution calling for unconditional Israeli withdrawal from Lebanese territory. Although Monte Carlo radio reported on 27 October that a Phalangist delegation had met with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus, reportedly to discuss troop withdrawals, Phalangist party leader Pierre al-Jumayyil denied that any delegation has visited Syria, Voice of Lebanon reported.

Lebanese-Palestinian Summit -- Head of the PLO Information Department Yasir 'Abd Rabbuh stated that a Lebanese-Palestinian summit will be held during President al-Jumayyil's upcoming tour of several Arab capitals, Monte Carlo radio reported. The PLO official added that the Palestinian leadership attaches great importance to this summit and that they are willing to consider arrangements on the military situation in Lebanon with a view to preserving Palestinian-Lebanese relations.

Syrian Missile Batteries -- Jerusalem radio stated that there is "no truth" to reports that the Syrians have brought missiles batteries into the Al-Biqa' Valley. On 26 October, Lebanese radios reported that Syrian forces had established two SAM bases in the valley.

Israeli Soldiers Attacked -- One IDF soldier was killed in 'Alayh and two were wounded in Sidon, Beirut and IDF radios reported. According to Beirut radio, the security situation in Sidon was tense for some time and a number of stores closed.

Haddad Forces Clash -- Voice of Lebanon reported that a number of people were wounded when Maj Sa'd Haddad's forces clashed with some citizens in Jba'.

Israel

Begin Remarks -- Addressing the Herut Central Committee convention, Prime Minister Menahem Begin emphasized that the IDF will leave Lebanon after the "terrorists" depart, Jerusalem radio reported. Begin stated that Israel "insists" on these conditions and that the United States has agreed that Syrian and Israeli forces will leave Lebanon at the same time. In a further report on Begin's remarks carried by Jerusalem television, Begin said Israel has peace on all of its borders as a result of the IDF's actions. He claimed that peaceful relations do exist despite "all of the difficulties and all the negative things we know about." Begin added that Israel's mission in the near future is to ensure that Judaea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip are never handed over to foreign rule.

Draper Negotiations -- Jerusalem radio reported that U.S. envoy Morris Draper is to discuss IDF withdrawal from Lebanon with Israeli leaders on 29 October. The radio added that political sources in Jerusalem doubt Draper's ability to reach an agreement in Lebanon and hope that Ambassador Philip Habib will return to handle the negotiations.

PLO

Addressing a news conference in Rome following his return from Tunis, where he met with PLO Executive Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, the PLO representative in Rome stated that the PLO intends to propose starting a dialogue with all Israeli forces willing to enter negotiations, ANSA reported. The PLO representative said this proposal will be introduced in November to the Palestine National Council. An Israeli Labor Party spokesman said the party is ready to negotiate with any Palestinian element that will strive for peace, recognize Israel and refrain from terror, but the party does not believe the PLO meets these qualifications, Jerusalem radio reported.

Egypt

Prime Minister's Remarks -- In a speech at a political rally held in Asyut, Prime Minister Dr Fu'ad Muhyi ad-Din affirmed that Israeli Prime Minister Begin's policy is harming Egyptian-Israeli relations, MENA reported. According to MENA, Prime Minister Muhyi ad-Din stated that Egypt is following up U.S. President Reagan's initiative, since it contains "positive points that could be utilized," but he indicated that Egypt has "some observations" on the plan. MENA, reporting on Prime Minister Muhyi ad-Din's interview with the London-based AL-HAWADITH magazine, cited the prime minister as saying that Egyptian-Israeli relations have been heavily affected by events in Lebanon and that it is difficult to predict the future state of relations. An AL-AHRAM editorial has called for the Begin government to resign because of the "constant condemnation," MENA reported.

Border Issue -- A "responsible source" in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry stressed that Egypt is "scrupulously implementing" its obligations and "sparing no effort" to provide all security measures on the border, MENA reported.

Sudan

A Sudanese National Security Council source stated that 45 people were killed on 12 October in the border area between Kordofan and Darfur, SUNA reported. Although the events were seemingly local, the council indicated that they were caused by a "known criminal plan" designed by Sudan's enemies to harm the country's stability.

Libya

Libyan leader Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi held a news conference in Beijing, following his talks with Chairman of the PRC State Council Zhao Ziyang, XINHUA and JANA reported. Colonel al-Qadhdhafi stated that the visit brought relations to "a new stage" and said that the two countries will expand trade, economic and technical cooperation and will cooperate in international affairs. Earlier in the day Colonel al-Qadhdhafi met with Deng Xiaoping, vice chairman of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the Military Affairs Commission, JANA reported.

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CUBAN PARTY DELEGATION VISITS 27 OCTOBER

LD280646 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Mrs Tania Maceiras Delgado, vice chairman of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee Foreign Relations Department, arrived in Kabul today, leading a delegation on a friendly visit at the invitation of the PDPA Central Committee.

The delegation was welcomed at Kabul Airport by the vice chairman and members of the PDPA Central Committee International Relations Department and the Cuban ambassador in Kabul.

SOVIET RAILWAYS OFFICIAL ARRIVES 27 OCTOBER

LD271936 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Soviet Deputy Minister of Railways B.A. Shelkov arrived in Kabul this morning at the head of a delegation. He has come at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to hold talks and sign documents concerning the use of the Hayratan port installations and (?direct) use of the Soviet Union's railways.

The delegation was welcomed at Kabul Airport by Commerce Minister Mohammad Khan Jalalar, the deputy minister of transit and port affairs [as heard]; senior officials of the Ministry of Commerce; and the Soviet (?ambassabor) in Kabul.

JUSTICE MINISTRY DEFECTORS SPEAK ON SOVIET ROLE

SK280619 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Prof (Abdus Salam Azimi), director general of the Lawmaking and Research Institute in the Afghan Ministry of Justice, who has recently defected and crossed into Pakistan, has said only those laws are enacted by the institute which the Soviets wish to introduce and even the Karmal Cabinet has no power to reject a law approved by the Soviet advisers.

He said the laws being changed in Afghanistan were translated from the Soviet text and these are all in line with the foreign ideology, and there was no question of their being in conformity with Islam. Islam, he said, was mentioned only over Kabul radio and television to mislead the people.

Prof (Abdus Salam Azimi), who was previously vice chancellor of the Kabul University, said intermediate and professional degrees are given to students without examination to induce them to join the ever-decreasing armed forces of the Karmal regime. He said the Soviet troops have been greatly demoralized as they were fighting an aimless war in Afghanistan without any support of the Afghan people.

Prof (Mohammad Musa Azahiri), deputy director general of the institute, who has also defected and crossed into Pakistan, in a radio interview spoke of the shattered economy of Afghanistan due to war. He said trade and business have been badly affected and agricultural production destroyed. He said the natural resources of the country were also being exploited by the Soviets. He said the meter of the gas supply from Afghanistan to the Soviet Union was under Russian control and nobody knew about its actual consumption by the Russians.

Replying to a question, he said even in Kabul, like other provinces, there was no peace and tranquillity.

SOVIETS BOMBARD CIVILIAN AREAS, DESTROY CROPS

BK280645 Karachi Domestic Service in URDU 0200 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Text] The commander of the Afghan freedom fighters in the Panjsher Valley north of Kabul has said that Soviet troops have been bombarding civilian areas and destroying crops.

According to reports received from Afghanistan, Panjsher Valley, which has been a fortress of the Afghan resistance moment, was attacked six times by the Soviet forces, but without success. Western diplomatic sources have reported that the Soviet forces were burning each and every granary in a bid to force the Afghans to end the resistance. The Kabul administration itself confirmed that it is concerned over food shortage.

BRIEFS

NEW BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR -- Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the Central Committee of the DRA, received Petur Volkanov, the ambassador extra-ordinary and plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of Bulgaria for the presentation of his credentials at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council here today. [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0500 GMT 27 Oct 82 LD]

PROTOCOLS WITH ADN, CTK -- The protocol of cooperation between the BAKHTAR Information Agency [BIA] of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the ADN of the German Democratic Republic was concluded recently in Berlin. According to this protocol the two sides will cooperate in the field of exchange of news, information and photo reports as well as delegations and for the training of the BIA personnel through short term courses in the GDR. An agreement on the expansion of cooperation between the BIA and the CTK of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic has also been signed recently. The two sides will expand their cooperation in the exchange of news, information and photos. The two sides will also exchange delegations. The Czechoslovak news agency will arrange for the training of professional and technical personnel of BIA in Czechoslovakia. [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0503 GMT 27 Oct 82 LD]

AKALI DAL-SWARAN SINGH TALKS BEGIN 28 OCTOBER

BK281600 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Text] In Punjab, the talks between former Union Minister Swaran Singh and the five-member committee appointed by the Akali Dal-L President Harchand Singh Longowal started this afternoon at the historic Gurdwara Shi Fatehgarh Sahib in Patiala district about 60 km from Chandigarh.

Our correspondent (P.J. Astavan) reports from Shi Fatehgarh Sahib that the talks are being held in utmost secrecy. All the five members of the Akali Dal committee are present at the talks.

Support for Talks Urged

BK281107 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Text] Punjab Congress-I President (Hansraj Sharma) has urged the people of the state to extend their full support for the success of the talks between Akali leaders and Swaran Singh.

Talking to newsmen in Chandigarh today, he cautioned the people against the efforts of some antisocial extremist forces that are trying to sabotage the peace process. He condemned the recent grenade explosion in Amritsar and other acts of violence. He said that Hindu-Sikh unity is so deep-rooted that [words indistinct] vested interest to create a bridge between the two can succeed. He called upon the state government to deal firmly with all those who want to disturb peace in the state.

In Patiala, Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak [Management] Committee President Gurcharan Singh Tohra told Press Trust of India that there is nothing wrong in giving clarifications to the center on the Akali demands.

In Amritsar, Jagdev Singh Talwandi met Sant Harchand Singh Logowal this morning.

HINDU-MUSLIM RIOTS IN GUJARAT, BIHAR SPREAD

BK290828 Hong Kong AFP in English 0813 GMT 29 Oct 82

[Text] New Delhi, Oct. 29 (AFP) -- Hindu-Moslem riots spread to new areas in western Gujarat and eastern Bihar states today, said Indian news agencies.

Authorities imposed curfew in another Gujarat town and sounded a police alert in affected areas in Bihar, said the reports.

Troops were patrolling Baroda city in Gujarat where at least five people were killed and over 40 injured in bloody rioting between Hindus and Moslems on the two previous days.

Indefinite curfew was imposed today on Himatnagar town, 880 kms (550 miles) north of Baroda following several incidents of looting and arson last night after a Moslem festival celebration, said the Press Trust of India (PTI). PTI gave no indication on the causes of the rioting.

In eastern Bihar state, police were put under maximum alert in all of the state's communal-clash prone towns.

In Raxual, bordering Nepal, over 32 persons were injured when acid was thrown into a religious procession yesterday, PTI said. Over 50 arrests were made in the case.

Similar rioting broke out in the Buddhist pilgrim city of Gaya and the north Bihar town of Motihari, the agency said.

In Gaya, a Hindu religious congregation was attacked with home-made bombs injuring over 12 people, including two women, PTI said. One person was arrested.

In Motihari, police rounded up over 30 persons for arson and stabbing incidents.

Meanwhile, the state-owned All India Radio said the situation in Baroda was well under control with no fresh incident reported since last night, the radio said, adding that the army was patrolling the streets as a precautionary measure.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER RETURNS FROM TUNISIA

BK261447 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 26 Oct 82

[Text] External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao returned to New Delhi today from Tunis. During his stay there he had talks with the PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat. He also met the leaders of eight other nonaligned countries.

MINISTER DISCUSSES OIL FIND, PACT WITH POLAND

BK241658 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 24 Oct 82

[Text] Traces of oil and gas have been found in a well in Rajaur in the Godavari onshore basin.

Minister for Energy and Petroleum Shiv Shankar told the newsmen in New Delhi today that further searches have been conducted to determine their commercial potential. He said one more rig had already reached the area for exploratory work.

The oil and natural gas commission has been asked to intensify the exploration and drilling work in the onshore and offshore Godavari basin. Shiv Shankar said that in Rajasthan also there is a good prospect of hydrocarbons in the Jaisalmer area. In Tripura, where gas was found recently, the flow has increased from 37,000 to 46,000 cubic meters a day.

The minister expressed confidence that the country will be able to achieve the target of 20.5 million tons of oil during the current year. There has been a decrease in the import of oil, resulting in a saving of 600 crore rupees in foreign exchange this year.

Shiv Shankar, who returned from Warsaw this morning after attending the seventh meeting of the Indo-Polish joint commission, said Poland has agreed to supply 400,000 tons of coking coal and 100,000 tons of sulphur to India during 1982-83. The two countries agreed to set up joint ventures in third countries, especially in the field of power equipment, machine tools and textile. Poland will also supply 13 fishing trawlers to India.

Shiv Shankar said India is already supplying a variety of items to Poland with exports working out to $51 million between January and August this year. Imports from Poland during the same period amounted to about $32 million. Poland is keen to import more items from India in view of economic sanctions applied by the West.

PAPER SEES OPPORTUNITY IN GANDHI-HAQ MEETING

BK271425 Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English 20 Oct 82 p 6

[Editorial: "Seize the Opportunity"]

[Text] For the first time since the Simla conference, the heads of government of India and Pakistan will be meeting in either country when President Zia stops over in Delhi on November 1 on his way to South-east Asia.

The two leaders have met in third countries where they have gone to attend international gatherings at which both have been present. But none of those encounters, useful though they might have been, was in the nature of a planned summit meeting which is what it is proposed in Delhi.

Admittedly President Zia's primary destination is not India; but since he would be traversing it en route to Malaysia both governments have welcomed a stopover in order to permit summit talks. The fact that the meeting might be brief does not in any way diminish its importance for, as the recent visit of Gen Ershad showed, personal rapport and understanding which is of the greatest importance in unravelling complex and delicate issues.

India and Pakistan have started a dialogue at the level of foreign secretaries and are also partners in the seven-nation forum which has been discussing regional cooperation in South Asia. Progress, however, has been vitiated by hoary fears and suspicions which have been fuelled by the current arms race in which the two nations are unfortunately locked. Exaggerated importance has also been given to stray comments and statements in either country which have given rise to reservations in the other.

Hopefully the meeting between Mrs. Gandhi and President Zia will clear away these cobwebs and enable the two leaders to talk to one another with complete candour and sincerity. The fact that the Pakistan president heads a military regime is no reason to avoid serious discussions for fear of "legitimising" his position. India has traditionally dealt with de facto governments and this is the only rational way to proceed.

Indo-Pakistan discord has underpinned and justified militaristic tendencies in the past and there is no doubt that a rapprochement between the two countries would be conducive to the restoration of the political process in Pakistan and enable both sides to turn their attention to the critical challenge of development which is where their true salvation lies. Economic and technical cooperation between the two countries and concerted action on other issues of common interest such as North-South relations and peace and stability in west Asia and the Gulf would be mutually beneficial.

As chairman-designate of the non-aligned conference India could also play a positive role in regard to Afghanistan and the Iran-Iraq conflict in which Pakistan is deeply interested. Mrs Gandhi has recently been in Washington and Moscow. President Zia is currently in China and will later be visiting the U.S.. They would have much to talk about.

However, the issues that divide the two sides pertain to their perceptions of one another and, more specifically, the Kashmir question, procedures for settlement of which were outlined in the Simla Agreement. The president and the prime minister could also cut through a great deal of bureaucratic red tape and obfuscating mumbo jumbo and draw up a framework for the non-aggression pact and treaty of peace and friendship that have been under discussion and institute the proposed joint commission which could work out the details and carry forward discussions on trade and exchange.

There will be many who will advise Mrs Gandhi to proceed with extreme caution and allow time for exhaustive preparation. The fact is that India and Pakistan have been waiting for that mystical moment for far too long and that relations between the two countries have consequently remained virtually frozen. The prospective summit offers an opportunity for a real breakthrough. Both countries need peace and friendship to serve their own best internal and international interests. More reason therefore for a bold initiative rather than let yet another opportunity slip.

INDIAN EXPRESS VIEWS DEFENSE PRODUCTION POLICY

BK221430 Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English 16 Oct 82 p 6

[Editorial: "Defence Production"]

[Text] New vistas are in sight for defence production in the country. Air Chief Marshal Dilbagh Singh recently spoke of plans to develop an air-borne warning and control system.

Although India has not so far been able to design and develop indigenously a supersonic aero-engine or main battle tank, the R&D base at home, especially in electronics, is fairly well established. Production skills are even more considerable. The proposed avionics factory to fabricate electronic gear for the Jaguar strike aircraft and new Bharat electronics units to produce equipment for medium tanks and transport aircraft including helicopters speak of the strides which the country has made and is taking. But what seems to be still lacking or inadequate is a rational policy in respect of defence production itself. Such a policy will have to be built on a realistic assessment of overall resources and skills married to well-defined purposes. Very often a defence production facility is retooled and its manpower retrained to service an aircraft, a missle or a tank which the government decides to acquire from abroad.

There is no doubt a saving of foreign exchange in the effort and augmentation of domestic skills and expertise. But it does not by itself constitute a well thought out defence production policy nor does it yield a viable defence production structure.

Two aspects are crucial for a sound defence production policy: first, is the country getting the maximum benefit from a rapidly growing and sophisticated defence production establishment with an annual turnover of about Rs 900 crores? secondly, is the fullest use being made of these facilities developed at great cost? Compartmentalisation as between the defence and civil sectors has resulted in duplication of effort, Balkanisation of the market or monopoly, and avoidable parallelism at both R&D and production levels. The accent appears to be more on achieving self-sufficiency within the defence production establishment rather than in viewing national capability as a whole. Thus valuable capacity and skills could be idle while costs mount.

Barring strictly ordnance items, which could remain in the defence sector, other elements of defence production might well be in the civil sector, public or private, and harnessed more fully to the development effort. Unfortunately, a policy of exclusive defence production inherited from an earlier period when the country's industrial infrastructure was limited has been perpetuated.

BRIEFS

TRADE WITH CSSR -- India would export textiles to Czechoslovakia which was giving up its production, Commerce Minister Shivraj V. Patil told the Lok Sabha on 15 October. He said in reply to questions by Mrs Usha Prakash Choudhuari that Czechoslovakia was interested in more finished goods from India. Engineering exports to that country were making fast progress and efforts were being made to supply them as much as possible, he said. Patil said that two-way trade between the two countries had more than doubled from rupees 738 million in 1980 to rupees 1,610 million in 1981 and would be raised to rupees 3,000-3,500 million. The balance had been in favor of India for the last 5 years, he added. [Text] [Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 1435 GMT 15 Oct 82 BK]

COTTON CLOTH TO USSR -- Cotton cloth of some 162 million meters is to be exported to the Soviet Union during this year. Of this, 61 million meters had been shipped till last month. Giving this information in the upper house parliament today, Deputy Minister for Commerce P.A. Sangma said that some shortfall in supply is apprehended due to strike in the Bombay textile mills. Therefore, the Soviet buying organization has been advised to book additional orders with Indian mills not affected by the strike. [Text] [Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 12 Oct 82 BK]

GDR TRADE PROTOCOL -- A new trade protocol between India and the GDR has been signed in Berlin. Under the protocol the GDR will provide India machinery, chemicals and fertilizers worth 1,345 million rupees. Eight new engineering goods valued at 65 million rupees have been aided to Indian exports for the first time. [Text] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 23 Oct 82 BK]

ANDHRA PRADESH CROP DAMAGE -- In the Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, paddy crop on about 10,000 hectares has been damaged in the heavy rains on 19 October last. Cotton crop in 3,600 hectares has also been affected. [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 23 Oct 82 BK]

SRI LANKA

CURFEW IMPOSED IN JAFFNA PENINSULA 28-29 OCT

BK281316 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Text] A curfew has been imposed in the Jaffna peninsula from 1900 tonight until 0500 tomorrow.

AFP Report

BK281246 Hong Kong AFP in English 1224 GMT 28 Oct 82

[By Joel Henri]

[Text] Colombo, Oct 28 (AFP) -- A massive security operation was today underway in the predominantly Tamil Jaffna region of northern Sri Lanka after four people were killed by armed men in an attack yesterday on a police station.

A curfew was immediately clamped on the region and armed patrols combed the countryside in search of the raiders, believed to be members of a Tamil revolutionary movement.

A dozen armed men made a dawn attack on the police post at Chavakacheri which was manned by Tamil policemen. Three policemen were killed in the attack as well as a prisoner in one of the cells who was hit by a stray bullet.

The raiders seized a number of weapons before fleeing into the jungle.

Survivors from the police station say they thought several of the assailants had been wounded.

Police sources said the attacking group may have belonged to the Tamil Revolutionary Council. The council has called for an armed struggle to create an independent Tamil state, known as "Eelam," for the 3 million-strong Tamil minority in the north and northeast of Sri Lanka.

The Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), which has eight members of Parliament, promptly condemned the attack.

The Tamil Revolutionary Council deploys about 100 armed men. They have been held responsible for a number of attacks on police in Sri Lanka.

After the attacks, the raiders are believed to have taken refuge in the Tamil-populated south of India.

Meanwhile opposition parties in Colombo have vehemently protested against a decision yesterday by newly-elected President Junius Jayewardene to call a referendum in order to prolong the life of the present Parliament for another 6 years.

Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranike, former prime minister and leader of the opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), said the president's move was an attempt to get around holding a general election.

'MARCHERS' ISSUE RESOLUTION ON FOREIGN POLICY

LD281314 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Text] In the glorious ceremonies on the occasion of Husayn's 'Ashura [when Imam Husayn was martyred] in Imam Husayn Square in Tehran, a resolution issued by the marchers was read:

1. On this glorious 'Ashura of Husayn, we, Muslim and revolutionary nation, restate our allegiance to the imam of the umma', the great leader of the Islamic revolution, the true heir of Husayn and the hope of the world's oppressed people. We reaffirm our convenant that to our last breath we will continue in the line of the clerical rule, follow the committed and combative clergy and defend our bloodstained Islamic revolution which is the outcome of the blood of martyrs and self-sacrifices of the revolutionary people.

2. We continue to regard the war as the primary issue facing the country and announce that, in pursuance of our divine duty to repulse the aggression of the world arrogance, we will continue our holy war until final victory, until achievement of our legitimate rights and the conditions announced by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

3. Now that with the resurgence of the Islamic revolution its brilliant lights have illuminated the region and the entire world and now that the various plots by the Eastern and Western world-devourers, led by the archsatan the criminal America, have been increased, we, the Muslim and revolutionary nation, in continuation of the bloodstained and eternal path of Husayn ibn 'Ali, may God's peace be upon him, announce that we will continue to fight against world blasphemy and international Zionism until the proud standard of "God is the greatest" and "There is no god but Allah" has been unfurled throughout the world.

4. While expressing out gratitude for the endeavors of the country's organs and security organizations and appreciating the value of the efforts by these beloved ones in fighting against terrorism, which is a tool in the hands of satanic powers to confront the Islamic revolution of Iran, we demand greater efforts by officials in this field, the punishment of criminals and the implementation of Islamic punishments concerning these vile and hypocritical mercenaries of world arrogance. We demand that greater effort be made to protect the lives of national figures and the sincere servants of Islam and the Islamic Republic.

5. At a time when the criminal Zionist regime and terrorist rulers of Israel, this illegitimate child of America in the Middle East, in the face of the silence and covert and overt support of regional reactionary regimes and other leaders in the blasphemy-ridden world of the present century, continue their crimes and savage massacre of deprived Muslims in Lebanon and Palestine, we, the Muslim nation, announce on this holy day that the liberation of Jerusalem is one of the Islamic revolution's major goals. We support the plan for theestablishment of a special fund for the expulsion of the usurping Israel and for cutting short the hands of America from international organizations.

6. While emphasizing our unstinted support for the Muslim people of Lebanon and for the deprived Palestinian masses, we condemn any compromising move by those who make claims to be leaders of the Palestinian nation. We announce that the Palestinian Revolution and the liberation of Jerusalem will not be achieved except through reliance upon the beloved Islam.

7. We, the Muslim Iranian nation, while emphasizing our unstinted support for liberation movements, especially the revolution of the Muslim people of Afghanistan against Russian aggression, believe that the Islamic revolution is a lamp that sheds its light on the path of all the world's oppressed people in their struggle against world arrogance until the achievement of the indpendence, freedom and human dignity of all justice seeking people of the world. We believe deviation from this path will lead only to compromise.

8. At a time when, as the result of the anti-Islamic and inhuman behavior of the regime ruling over Arabia toward the Iranian pilgrims and other pilgrims to the house of God their hypocritical features have been exposed, while condemning the anti-Islamic policies of this regime due to its profound dependence upon the criminal America, in support of the revolutionary proposal of His Great Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri, we announce that the two holy shrines are administered by a council composed of Islamic countries.

9. As was expected the subservient United Nations once again proved to the world's oppressed people that it implements the satanic policies of superplunderers and of those who violate the human and Islamic rights of nations. By approving the resolution for declaring a cease-fire between Iran and Iraq, it delivered another blow upon itself. We, the Muslim Iranian nation, condemning this resolution, raise with loud voice our wronged call to the ears of all justice-seeking and liberated people of the world and announce that under no circumstances will we submit to this prearranged resolution drawn up by the hand of Eastern and Western arrogance with the sole aim of saving the infidel Saddam, and that we will continue the war until final victory and until we achieve our legitimate rights.

Greetings, we will all chant five times together: "O God, O God; safeguard Khomeyni until al-mahdi's [the hidden imam] revolution.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 1,093

LD281758 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,093 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name: The trench dwellers of Islam and the proud combatants of the battle between truth and falsehood, these followers of the path of Husayn ibn 'Ali, peace be upon him, like all their beloved and Muslim compatriots today observed and honored the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Husayn gloriously and gracefully on all the fronts.

At the same time, they did not waste a minute in pounding the blasphemous enemy and the aggressive Ba'thists, continuing the path of the lord of the liberated and the master of the martyrs Aba 'Abdullah al-Husayn, peace be upon him.

In the past 24 hours, sporadic exchanges of fire continued on the western fronts. The powerful combatants of Islam, while guarding their defensive positions, returned the fire of the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries. By pounding the enemy positions, they destroyed one gun, six slit trenches and observation posts of the Saddamist forces. They also set fire to a heavy ammunition truck of the aggressive Iraqi Ba'thists and on every front they killed or wounded a number of enemy servicemen.

In the Muslim ibn 'Aqil Operation, the victorious combatants of Islam, consolidating their defense positions, stopped the enemy's movements and activities. By opening timely fire, they inflicted losses and casualties on the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries.

On the Musan front, the heroes of Islam returned fire, inflicting casualties and losses on the Saddamist forces.

Sporadic exchanges of fire continued on the southern fronts. In the (Pol-e Now) region in Khorramshahr, the heroes of the gendarmerie, returning the fire on the Saddamists' position, dealt effective blows to the enemy.

On the Abadan front, one of the enemy's trucks, carrying servicemen, was set on fire. Nine Iraqi soldiers were killed.

The fire of air defense units and the tactical measures of the fighter aircraft of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran yesterday foiled the air aggression of the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries in the border region.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

NVOI URGES 'REALISTIC ATTITUDE' ON AFGHANISTAN

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[Unattributed commentary: "To Whose Benefit Is Provocation and Interference in the Internal Affairs of a Neighboring Country?"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: In a recent interview, Babrak Karmal, leader of revolutionary Afghanistan, once again declared: We have repeatedly announced our readiness to renew good relations with Iran. We reiterate this readiness. The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is not a mirage and a nightmare but a political fact. Regardless of whether this pleases anyone, we do exist, are progressing, struggling, becoming victorious and are building our new life.

Yes, despite all the plots, provocations and conspiracies by the imperialists, led by world-devouring America, the region's reaction and internal counterrevolution, the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is a political fact and is in the forefront of the just anti-imperialist battle of regional nations. From this point of view, the Afghan Government and people are the natural ally of the liberated people and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Therefore, a review must be undertaken in the policy of the Islamic government with regard to democratic Afghanistan.

Some time ago, the trial of a number of professional counterrevolutionary killers took place in Kabul. In the process of this trial, the mask once again was removed from the true faces of these so-called Islamic mojahedin. One of the leaders of these bands who was captured in Panjsher confessed that U.S. experts train these bands and then dispatch them to Afghanistan in order to massacre the people and to set fire to homes, schools, hospitals and even religious sites and mosques under cover of Islam and in the name of the mojahedin so that later imperialist and Zionist p[illegible]aganda organizations would attribute these criminal and antihuman acts to government forces and raise a tumult alleging that Islam has been endangered in Afghanistan.

In our own country, too, the opponents of the imam's line and the followers of Shari'atmadari's line, all of whom are U.S. mercenaries, use the lies of imperialist propaganda organizations as an alibi to engage in plots and provocations against the democratic Government of Afghanistan and consequently against the people of this country. It is a cause of deep regret that the official propaganda of our country also has been caught in the trap of these provocations by news imperialism and feeds the people as facts the reports fabricated by imperialist and reactionary circles. Although the Islamic government has adopted correct and positive measures in foreign policy, with regard to the Afghan problem, it is still infatuated by the intimations of the Shari'atmadaris and by mental prejudice and continues to be dogged in its hostility toward revolutionary and democratic Afghanistan. It is a fact that, in the Afghan problem, regrettable, the Islamic government is treading a path that the Ziaul Haqs, the Qabuses, the Mubaraks, the Saudis and others are treading in accordance with the directive of world-devouring America.

No day passes without Tehran radio disseminating in great detail the false reports of imperialist and Zionist mass media about democratic and revolutionary Afghanistan -- this amid conditions in which so far not the slightest action has been taken by the democratic Government of Afghanistan against emancipated Iran. This government constantly has supported and backed and continues to support and back the revolution and the Islamic Republic of Iran against the plots of the imperialists, above all, U.S. imperialism.

The fact that some of our country's officials call the various counterrevolutionary groups dependent on the United States, the Saudis, the Ziaul Haqs, the Qabuses and the fugitive counterrevolutionary minigroups and dregs of Mohammad Zahir Shah as the so-called Afghan people and express the hope that the Afghan people allegedly will aim the barrels of their guns at the democratic government is not only a repetition of the directive of imperialist espionage headquarters but, at the same time, a provocation against a neighboring country and overt interference in the internal affairs of an independent country. What is the aim of this provocation and creation of enemies? Our homeland's people want the government, in its foreign policy, to desist from a hostile approach toward the real friends of revolutionary Iran and to take steps at the side of its true friends on the international scene toward halting the plots of the agents of imperialism and reactionism. In this connection, without doubt, the experience of certain countries like Libya and Syria, friends of revolutionary Iran, can be instructive for us.

It is high time we adopted a realistic attitude with regard to revolutionary and democratic Afghanistan and established normal, good and friendly relations with the popular and anti-imperialist government of revolutionary Afghanistan which is supported by the people of that country.

NVOI DECRIES 'FRIENDLY TIES' WITH TURKEY, PAKISTAN

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[Unattributed commentary: "A Few Words With the Supporters of Friendly Relations With the CIA-Afflicted Regimes of Turkey and Pakistan"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Some time ago under the heading 'Increase in the Sale of U.S. Arms to Its Allies in Asia, Africa and Latin America,' the ETTELA'AT newspaper focused on certain facts on which it would be very appropriate to devote attention, particularly by the supporters of friendly ties with Turkey and Pakistan. ETTELA'AT wrote:

The NEW YORK TIMES, quoting high-ranking U.S. officials, reported that the Reagan administration intends to increase military aid and the sale of arms to foreign countries. The NEW YORK TIMES added that the U.S. Government is striving to obtain the necessary credit for the increase of military aid and the delivery of sophisticated means to South Korea, Thailand, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Spain, Turkey, Kenya, Liberia, Somalia, Sudan, Zaire, El Salvador, Honduras and Pakistan.

The supporters of the establishment of friendly relations with Turkey and Pakistan are themselves without doubt fully acquainted with the antipeople and imperialist nature of the regimes ruling over these countries and are well aware that subservient regimes such as the ones ruling Pakistan and Turkey can never be the friend and supporter of revolutionary and anti-American Iran in the international arena. However, what is amazing is that these individuals, although being aware of this indisputable fact and despite knowing the nature of these regimes and being cognizant of the fact that a U.S. subservient regime can under no circumstances have friendly ties with a truly anti-American and anti-imperialist country like Iran, nevertheless insist on establishing very close relations with these regimes and on further expanding ties with them.

They want to place revolutionary Iran in the ranks of certain countries in whose birth certificates the name of the father is registered as the great satan and the names of the brothers as South Korea, Thailand, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, Somalia, Sudan, Zaire, El Salvador, Honduras, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Oman, South Africa and so forth, namely, the most disgraceful and ignominious countries dependent on the United States.

Who isn't aware of the antipeople and bloodthirsty nature of regimes ruling over South Korea, Thailand, Kenya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and so forth? For many years now, the antipeople regimes in these countries have been shedding the blood of the toiling and deprived people, and these countries have been rightly transformed into a hell for the people and a paradise of U.S. imperialists. In these countries, world-devouring America possesses numerous military bases, the aim of which is, particularly now, to plot against anti-U.S. Iran.

The imam of the nation repeatedly has warned our homeland's ever-on-the-scene people that, if necessary, America will wait 50 or even 200 years to strike at the Islamic Republic of Iran. The great satan -- this super criminal who is not able to live without sucking the blood of the world's toiling people and plundering the wealth and property of other countries -- wants at any price to return to an Iran that during the era of the accursed Mohammad Reza was the paradise of the Americans, and to plunder anew its oil and other natural resources and the fruit of the toil and work of our nation. U.S. military bases established in countries subservient to the great satan in Asia and Africa, particularly in Turkey, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and so forth, are bases that specifically have made revolutionary and anti-imperialist Iran their target.

America has 27 enormous military bases in Turkey. The current Turkish Government is the product of an American coup in this country. Both in Turkey's domestic and foreign policy, we everywhere are witnessing the active presence of the Americans. In this CIA- afflicted country, the slightest anti-American protest and the slightest popular movement are brutally suppressed and, at present, Turkey's prisons are filled with tens of thousands of independence-seeking Turkish strugglers, both Muslims and non-Muslims. It is in this very Turkey that on orders of the Americans the fugitive counterrevolutionaries are engaged in hatching plots against the Islamic Republic. It is in this U.S. subservient country that executioners such as Aryana, Madani and so on have managed to gather and place on alert armed forces comprising dregs of the former Imperial Army and all the counterrevolutionaries in order to stage an attack on Iran.

Ziaul Haq's bloodsucking and ungodly regime is also a tool in the hands of world-devouring America for dealing blows to revolutionary Iran and democratic Afghanistan. America is equipping Pakistan with various modern weapons. U.S. military bases in Pakistan are being expanded and the aim of all these military preparations is only revolutionary Iran and revolutionary Afghanistan, these two liberated Muslim and anti-imperialist countries.

No struggling and revolutionary Iranian ever was or is opposed to the establishment of normal political and economic relations with any country, including Pakistan and Turkey. However, endeavouring to establish every close political and economic ties with regimes such as the ones ruling over Turkey and Pakistan, and placing anti-imperialist Iran at the side of these ignominious and disgraceful regimes subservient to the United States is both an insult to the Islamic Republic of Iran and assistance to the great satan in achieving its plan for striking at the Islamic Republic of Iran.